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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Chunquan Chen, *et al.*  
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Title: USE OF LIPO-CHITOLIGOSACCHARIDES TO INITIATE EARLY FLOWERING  
AND FRUIT DEVELOPMENT IN PLANTS AND RELATED METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS  
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Examiner: Alton Nathaniel Pryor  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**Expedited Procedure**

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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated March 15, 2011,  
issued in the above-identified application, as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page  
2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an  
attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the  
Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.